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1. FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO QUESTION REFTEL REGARDING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. THIS CABLE FOCUSES ON POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING NON-OPEC CRUDE.

2. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP (JPDC) AND OIL DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY SOURCES, FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERED BY JAPANESE AS BEST NON-OPEC CANDIDATES FOR SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL TO JAPAN IN SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG TERMS. SINCE MANY OF THESE
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OR EVEN GUESSTIMATES ARE AVAILABLE ON QUANTITIES OF OIL

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WHICH MIGHT BE IMPORTED. JPDC UNWILLING TO RANK PROSPECTS; HOWEVER, FOR PURPOSES OF COMPARISON, KNOWLEDGEABLE INDUSTRY SOURCE RATED PROSPECTS AS EITHER MODERATE, GOOD OR VERY PROMISING, IN TERMS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE INCREASED SUPPLIES OF CRUDE TO JAPAN. JAPAN IS, OF COURSE, ACTIVELY SEEKING OIL IN MANY OTHER AREAS OF WORLD, BUT WE HAVE OMITTED LESS PROMISING AREAS:

	MODERATE	GOOD	VERY PROMISING
NON-OPEC AREAS OF SHORT TERM POTENTIAL			
ZAIRE	XX		
THAILAND		XX	
PERU	XX		
CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN JAPAN AND KOREA		XX	
AREAS OF MEDIUM TERM POTENTIAL (F ME ZEARS)			
BURMA	XX		
BANGLADESH		XX	
NORTH VIETNAM	XX		
SOUTH VIETNAM			XX
AREAS OF LONG TERM POTENTIAL			
ATHABASCAR TAR SANDS			XX
EAST CHINA SEA			XX
SOVIET UNION (SAKHALIN ISLAND CONTINENTAL SHELF AND TYUMEN PIPELINE)			XX

2. NATURAL GAS (LNG)

SHORT TERM	BRUNEI	5.1 MILLION TONS/YR
MEDIUM TERM	SARAWAK	6.0 MILLION TONS/YR
LONG TERM	YAKUTSK (USSR)	7.5. MILLION TONS/YR

3. FEW SOURCES WITH WHOM WE HAVE SO FAR DISCUSSED REFTEL QUESTIONS AGREE THAT EAST CHINA SEA IS ONLY POTENTIAL OIL OR GAS SOURCE WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY ALTER JAPAN'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON OPEC OIL AND GAS SOURCES IN FORESEEABLE
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FUTURE.

4. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION HOPEFULLY BY JANUARY 18.
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